

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-26018-2021

Date of Decision: 19.03.2024

SAROJ DEVI

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Ankit Kamboj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arvind Rajotia, Advocate
for respondent No.1.

Respondent No.2 already proceeded against
ex-parte vide order dated 18.07.2023.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present writ petition is for seeking directions to respondent No.1. i.e. the Punjab National Bank to defreeze the Account No.4956000100002861 of the petitioner which has been frozen by respondent No. 1 on instructions from respondent No.2-Cyber Crime Cell, Dafnala Cross Road, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad and the matter has already been settled between the parties but the account of the petitioner has not been unfrozen yet.

2. Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the dispute was only with respect to a sum of Rs.9606/- and that the said issue has already been settled between the petitioner and the complainant, however, the account of the petitioner has not been ordered to be unfrozen by the respondent No.2.

3. Even though notice was served on the respondent No.2, however, he chose not to enter appearance whereupon he was ordered to be proceeded against ex-parte vide order dated 18.07.2023. The matter was adjourned to 07.11.2023 and no one entered appearance on the said date as well. The matter was adjourned for today, however, no one has appeared on behalf of the respondent No.2 today as well.

4. The averments contained and the allegations leveled in the present writ petition thus remain uncontroverted. The respondent-Bank also informs that the matter has been amicably settled and that the dispute pertains to Rs. 9606/- only.

5. Under the given circumstances, it is currently deemed appropriate that the order sent by respondent No.2 to the respondent No. 1-Punjab National Bank for freezing the Bank Account No.4956000100002861 held by the petitioner in the above said Account be set aside subject to a lien of Rs. 9606/- to be maintained in the above said Account in relation to the proceedings that may have been initiated by respondent No.2- Cyber Crime Cell, Dafnala Cross Road, Shahibaug, Ahmedabad. In the event no such revised

intimation is sent by the respondent No.2 for a period of one year, even the said lien shall come to an end after expiry of a period of one year from today.

The present writ petition stands allowed.

MARCH 19, 2024
Vishal sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No